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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
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Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action mailed on September 8, 2006 for three (3) month(s) from December 8, 2006 to March 8, 2007. The Amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

The cost of filing this Petition is being paid on-line via EFS. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 10-0750/DEP777USNP/SJM.

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